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REMARKS

The applicant received the Office Action of November 24, 2004 wherein the Office rejected claims 1-4 based on Suzuki 4,497,359 under 35 U.S. C. 102. Claims 5-26 are directed to an unelected invention and have now been canceled.

As part of the 102 rejection the office took the position that Suzuki discloses the present invention. Applicant disagrees since the Suzuki mold operates exactly opposite of applicant's mold. That is Suzuki has "a squeeze plunger 36" that increases the pressure on his molten article that forms a solidificaion volume that is less than his casting volume. Figure 2 and Figure 3 of Suzuki disclose his "squeeze plunger 36", which starts from a retracted position shown in Figure 2 is, moved forward to" squeeze" the molten metal as illustrated in Figure 3. The Suzuki U. S. patent